

AN ACT

relating to administrative penalties imposed by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 161.148(a) and (b), Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission may impose an administrative penalty on ~~against~~ a person who violates this subtitle or a rule or order adopted under this subtitle.

(b) The penalty for a violation may be in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 ~~[\$1,000]~~. Each day a violation continues or occurs is a separate violation for purposes of imposing a penalty. The amount of the penalty shall not be based on a per head basis.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a violation committed on or after the effective date of this Act. A violation committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the violation was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, a violation was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the violation occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3856 was passed by the House on April 30, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 26, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3856 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor